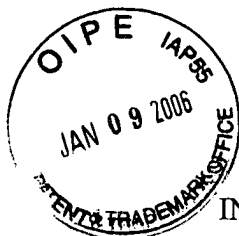


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
)	Attorney Docket No. 3110.07US06
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Application No.: 10/812,345)	Office of Petitions
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Filed: March 29, 2004)	
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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF ABANDONED APPLICATION

Attention: Office of Petitions
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions for revival of the present application for unintentional abandonment. A Notice of Allowance and Fees Due was received by this office on September 13, 2005. The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely pay an issue fee responsive to a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed September 9, 2005, which set a three month period for payment of the issue fee.

A petition fee of \$750.00 for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayment, overpayment or additionally required fees.

The issue fee of \$700.00 and publication fee of \$300.00 is also enclosed herewith.

Since this utility application was filed after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

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The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,



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Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

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